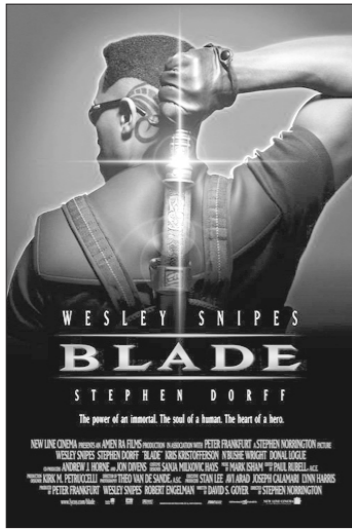


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Blade (IMDb rating 6.8) On HBO, July 24 at 09:30pm Directed by Stephen Norrington Genre: Action/Horror/Thriller Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson, N'Bushe Wright, Traci Lords, Sanaa Lathan When Blade's mother was bitten by a vampire during pregnancy, she did not know that she gave her son a special gift while dying: All the good vampire attributes in combination with the best human skills. Blade grew up to be a vampire hunter for revenge on his mother's death.



The Sport

Pakistan Tour of England

Test Series

2nd Test begins

Live on ESPN, July 27 at 0358pm



The Movie

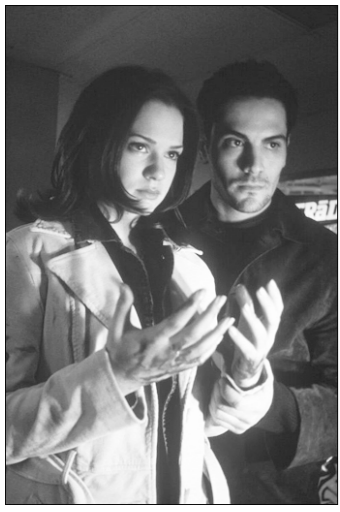
Black Hawk Down (IMDb rating 7.6) On Star Movies, July 27 at 09:25pm Directed by Ridley Scott Genre: Action/Drama/History/War Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Jason Isaacs, Tom Sizemore, William Fichtner, Eric Bana A true story of US involvement in Somalia during an ill-fated humanitarian mission. On October 3, 1993, US soldiers entered Somalia on an exercise that was supposed to take less than an hour. The mission turned into a night-long battle against thousands of heavily armed Somalis. Eighteen US soldiers and more than 500 Somalis were killed as a result of this conflict.

Satellite TV

Dead Calm (IMDb rating 6.8) On HBO, July 22 at 11:15pm Directed by Phillip Noyce Genre: Horror/Thriller Nicole Kidman, Sam Neill, Billy Zane, Rod Mullinar, Joshua Tilden John Ingram and his wife Rae, who's recovering from an auto accident, are on their sailboat, becalmed somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. Their leisurely isolation is interrupted by Hughie, the lone survivor of a sinking black schooner they spot one morning. Hughie's story doesn't quite gibe, so John boards the schooner to investigate, where he discovers the real truth. When Hughie wakes and realizes where John is, he takes control of the Ingram yacht from Rae, and motors off towards the horizon. Can Rae regain control of the boat and find John before the schooner sinks?



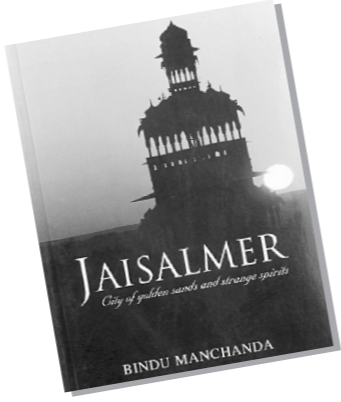
Final Destination 2 (IMDb rating 6.3) On HBO, July 23 at 11:45pm Directed by David R Ellis Genre: Horror/Thriller/Fantasy Ali Larter, A.J. Cook, Tony Todd, Keegan Connor Tracy, Lynda Boyd, Justina Machado, Sarah Carter Kimberly Corman and her friends decide to head out on a trip. On the way, they get caught up in a horrible accident, in which Kimberly survives, but her friends die brutally. Kimberly also saves a few other people. Soon after the accident, the survivors of the accident start dropping like flies. Now, it's up to Kimberly, along with the help of Flight 180 junkie Thomas Burke, Clear Rivers, and the Mortician William Bloodworth, Kimberly must find a way to stop death before it's late... Before it's her turn.



Sideways (IMDb rating 7.9) On Star Movies, July 23 at 07:00pm Directed by Alexander Payne Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church, Virginia Madsen, Sandra Oh, Jessica Hecht Miles is a failed writer living a meager existence in San Diego as an English teacher. With his career seemingly fading and the fate of a book hinging on a publisher's decision, Miles is depressed with himself and what he hasn't achieved. Jack is a television actor whom some recognize but not many do, as if he were a minor actor who got a taste of success. With his best friend Miles, the two embark on a road trip through California's wine country. Miles wants to give his friend a nice sendoff before married life, while Jack simply wants to have a fling beforehand. As they're both nearing middle age with not much to show for it, the two explore the vineyards while ultimately searching for their identities.

Books

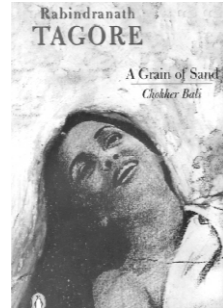
Jaisalmer Bindu Manchanda, Price: Tk 895.00 It haunts you for weeks after you return, this city dominated by the majestic fort on a solitary hill built by Rawal Jaisal in the twelfth century AD making you want to return again and again. This is Jaisalmer, often referred to as the desert jewel in Rajasthan's crown. Lying outside the Golden Triangle that encompasses Jaipur, but no less richly endowed in history, arts and crafts, Jaisalmer remains even today somewhat inaccessible, mysterious and exotic. In this book, Bindu Manchanda portrays in sensitive detail historical fact and colourful legend, the character and joie de vivre of Jaisalmer's people, the irresistible beauty of its buildings, and the joyful enchantment of its music, its festivals, arts and crafts. Her love for the city and deep understanding of its culture transport you beyond the pages to the narrow, crowded streets of Jaisalmer itself, to hear the songs of the Managaniyars and Langas, and savour the experience of watching a million stars in the night sky above the golden walls of the fort.



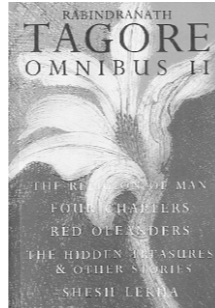
John Keats Selected Letters Edited by Robert Gittings Price: Tk 850.00 Keats' letters have long been regarded as an extraordinary record of poetic development and soul-making. They represent one of the most sustained reflections on the poet's art we have from any of the major English poets. Yet quite apart from the light they throw on the poetry, they are great works of literature in their own right. Written with gusto and occasionally painful candour, they show a powerful intelligence struggling to come to terms with its own mortality. Sometimes bitterly jealous in love and socially and financially insecure, at others playful and confident of his own greatness, Keats interweaves his personal plight with the history of a Britain emerging from the long years of the Napoleonic Wars into a world of political unrest, profound social change, and commercial expansion. This selection of 170 letters, written between 1816 and 1820, includes a new introduction and notes by Jon Mee explaining both the personal and political contexts that brought them to life.



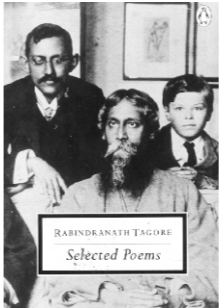
Rabindranath Tagore Omnibus II A Grain of Sand (Chokher Bali) Translated by Sreejata Guha Price: Tk 450.00



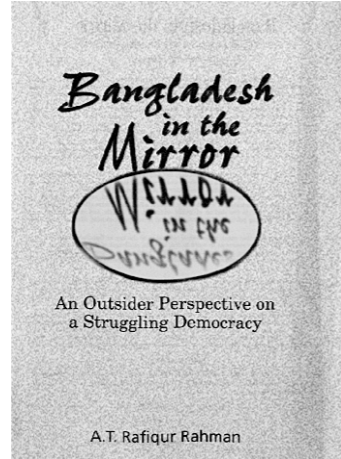
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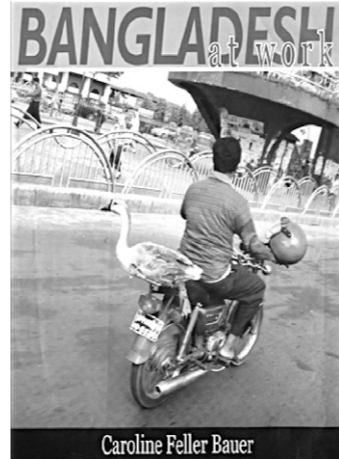


Bangladesh in the Mirror An Outsider Perspective on a Struggling Democracy A.T. Rafiqur Rahman



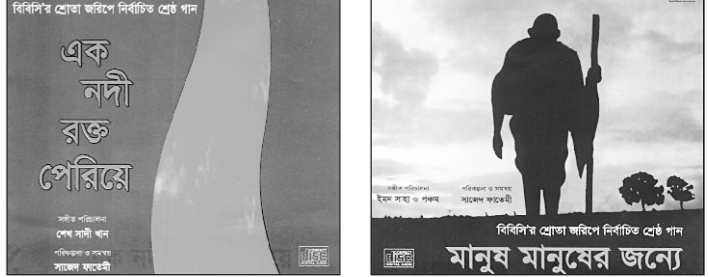
Rough Edges Sabahat Jahan Price: Tk 200.00 Sabahat Jahan has been writing poetry since her early teens, and her poems have already received recognition among her extended family of writers, teachers and scholars known all over the country. While in graduate school, one of Sabahat's poems (not included in the present collection) received Baylor University's prestigious Beall Poetry Festival Award for the year 2002.

Bangladesh at Work Caroline Feller Bauer Price: Tk 950.00 This book celebrates the men, women and children who continue to produce and exchange goods in the traditional marketplace. Need your shoes repaired, your bicycle fixed, or furniture made? You won't have to go far. There is probably someone in your neighbourhood who can build a fence, or show you how to cultivate rice, dig a well, or even make a rope. Here is a book to browse through or get inspiration from.



Markin Hawa Ali Idris Price: Tk 100.00 Most of the 14 short stories in this collection delineate the social evolution of the community of Bangladeshi students in the USA. Besides, contemporary family and social aspects and the Liberation War have also become the subjects of a few other stories published at different times in different national dailies and weeklies.

CDs, DVD



Greatest 20 Bangla Songs on BBC Survey The BBC Bengali published the long-awaited list of all-time great 20 Bangla songs of listeners' choice. The Laser Vision has brought out a two-volume set of the collection—the volumes are Ek Nodi Rakto Periyee and Manush Manusher Jonye. While some of the songs have been rerecorded by young artistes, some have been sung by the original artistes. Ek Nodi Rakto Periyee The songs in this volume are: Amar shonar Bangla, Amar bhaiyer raktey rangano, Ek sagor rakter binimoye, Mora ekti phulke, Ek nodi rakto periyee, Dhano dhanyo pushpey bhora, Salam salam, Joy Bangla Banglar joy, Ekbar jete de na, and Ektara tui. Manush Manusher Jonye The volume contains Manush manusher jonye, Coffee house, Ami Banglar gaan gai, Tumi aj koto durey, Muchhe jawa dingul, Khanchar bhitor achin pakhi, Karar oi louho kopat, Ei Padma ei Meghna, Chal chal chal, and Tumi ki dekhichho kobhu.



Modhushani Nazrul Sangeet by Yasmin Mushtari

Something's Gotta Give (2003) Directed by Nancy Meyers Cast: Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves, Frances McDormand, Amanda Peet Price: Tk 120.00 Sixty-three year old Harry has a reputation for dating girls a third his age. Taking Marin, his latest belle, back to her beach house for the weekend he is taken aback when her mother Erica unexpectedly turns up. Suffering a heart attack while romancing Marin, Harry finds himself housebound with Erica his nurse and only companion. As they grudgingly get to know each other something starts to stir, though as the hospital doctor who treated him has taken a shine to Erica, Harry could have serious competition.

ORIGINS OF THE DA VINCI CODE Directed by Simon Cox Cast: Susan Davies, Stephen A Hoeller, Mark Oxbrov, Lynn Picknett Price: Tk 120.00

TV GUIDE

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PICK OF THE DAY



Shubho On Rtv at 08:50pm Weekly Drama Cast: Jamal Uddin Hossain, Touquir, Bijori

Lord of The Ring: The Return Of The Kings On HBO at 09:30pm Genre: Action/Adventure Starring: Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Ian Mckellen